

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 167,863 acres in 1992 to 167,634 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 144 acres in 1992 to 149 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 679 farms in 1992 to 627 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

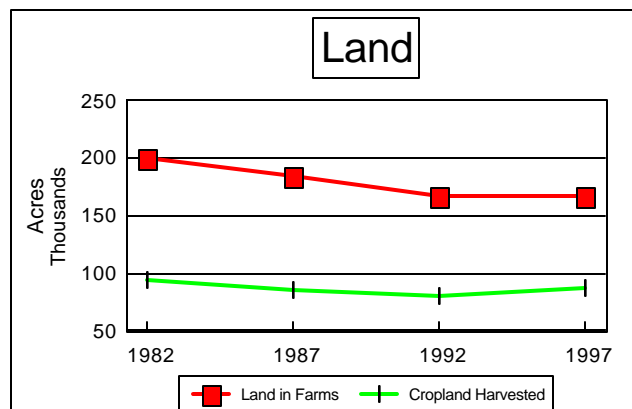
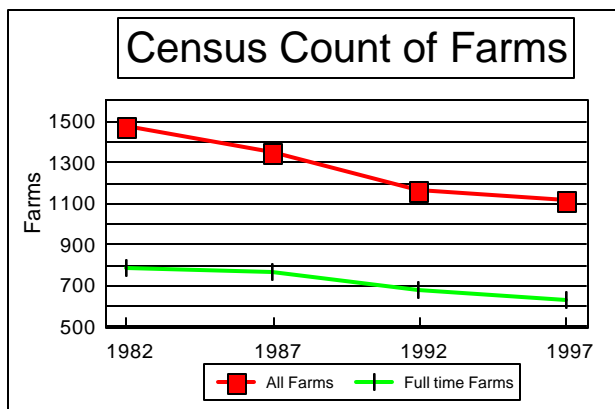
Increased 6 percent to \$68,914,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$55,749 in 1992 to \$61,366 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	68,914	12	67	840	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	43,677	7	67	645	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	25,238	29	67	1,029	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	18,653	21	67	228	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	17,788	2	66	91	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	11,386	9	66	184	2,790
Cattle and calves	5,562	18	67	1,386	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	4,325	1	63	250	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	14,814	16	67	1,256	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	34	62	854	2,203
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	4	9	73	191
Hogs and pigs sold	2,426	44	67	1,488	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	14	58	247	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	25,212	21	67	1,305	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	31	66	729	3,002
Mink inventory	(D)	3	8	29	239
Colony of bees inventory	1,256	4	65	403	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,179	14	67	575	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	35,067	20	66	535	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	16,598	22	66	880	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	13,566	2	65	68	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	7,975	19	66	167	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,771	18	58	1,120	2,144

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	550	543	1
\$10,000 or more .....	573	622	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	48,731	48,875	-0
Average per farm .....dollars..	43,394	41,917	4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	19,112	16,332	17
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,019	14,007	22
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	982	1,031	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	135	132	2
Other .....	6	2	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	627	679	-8
Other .....	496	486	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,003	1,050	-4
Female .....	120	115	4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,115	1,165	-4
Black and other races .....	8	-	
Average age of operator .....	54.3	53.2	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.